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TODAY'S CARRINGTON CLUB SPONSORS START AN APPEAL FUND TO HELP PAY OFF BRADFORD CITY

Leave Board free to buy players

The Carrington Club owner John Blount (left), flanked by his club manager John Hancock, gives Rams' Chairman Mike Watterson the £1,000 cheque he has donated to the Rams' Appeal Fund.

THE CARRINGTON CLUB RAMS' APPEAL FUND, STARTED THIS WEEK BY JOHN BLOUNT, AIMS TO RAISE ENOUGH CASH TO GET THE DEBT TO BRADFORD CITY OFF THE CLUB'S BACK.

The organisers hope that envelopes full of cheques and £ notes will cascade into the Carrington Club in Derby's Carrington Street this weekend.

Starting the Fund with a £1,000 donation, as well as funding another cash injection through today's match sponsorship by the Carrington Club, its owner John Blount told the *Ram*:

"MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHO HAVE FUNDED DERBY COUNTY WITH SUBSTANTIAL SUMS FROM THEIR OWN POCKETS CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO DO IT ALL ON THEIR OWN.

DEADLINE

"We have started the Carrington Club Rams' Appeal Fund to get as much of the £55,000 compensation as possible off their backs, so that they can provide Peter Taylor with the extra cash he needs to get the players he wants before next Thursday's transfer deadline."

The Fund won't drag on for weeks. It will be closed next Wednesday, March 23.

"We are aiming mainly at the many scores of businessmen and industrialists who enjoyed the good days of Europe, but who have since lapsed. We appeal to them for a donation — one that can help Rams back into the First Division.

"WE HOPE THE SMALL PUNTERS ON THE TERRACES WILL CHIP IN, TOO, THOUGH WHEN THEY WERE ASKED TO SUPPORT LAST YEAR'S NEW SHARE ISSUE THEY CAME FORWARD IN THEIR HUNDREDS.

"The business community didn't really react then. But now we sense a growing goodwill for the Board, and the club. The time is ripe, we think, for an Appeal aimed mainly at them.

"The club is still facing financial burdens, complicated by recent events which have added up to a total bill not far short of £100,000. If we can fund the Bradford City cash from outside the club it will be a tremendous booster for them.

"Every supporter who wants to help with a donation is welcome. No donation will be too small."

John Blount, born within sight of the Baseball Ground, and a nephew of the late, great Rams' legend Sammy Crooks, doesn't realistically think he'll raise £55,000.

"BUT IF WE CAN GET SOMEWHERE NEAR THAT £10,000 LEAGUE FINE, I WON'T HALF BE HAPPY," HE SAID.

BLESSING

Although Derby County are not directly involved with the Carrington Club Rams' Appeal Fund, John Blount did contact Mike Watterson initially to inform him of the scheme and to receive the Board's blessing.

Rams' commercial director Stuart Webb told us: "Wide sections of the business community of Derbyshire have rallied round, filling our match sponsorship book, buying up our executive box suite to sell-out point. It augers well."

● SEND OR TAKE YOUR CHEQUE (PAYABLE TO "THE CARRINGTON CLUB RAMS' APPEAL"), OR YOUR BANKNOTES OR SILVER TO THE CARRINGTON CLUB, CARRINGTON STREET, DERBY.

New player?

As we went to Press, Rams were in advanced negotiations for a new player to confirm the Board's determination to press forward despite current financial complications.

PETER'S PLEDGE

EVEN IF DERBY COUNTY ARE RELEGATED THIS SEASON IT WILL ONLY BE A HICCUP IN THEIR PROGRESS BACK TO THE TOP, PETER TAYLOR TOLD A SPORTS FORUM AT ILKESTON ON MONDAY.

If relegation did strike, and there could be no guarantee that it wouldn't (although he felt at least three clubs now coming into the fight against the drop had neither the managers nor the players to withstand the heat in the kitchen), it would be mainly because he had deliberately decided against rebuilding with a team of aged stars.

"You could almost guarantee we wouldn't go down this season by doing just that, but you wouldn't be building for the future. We are building a side of good players in their early or mid-twenties who can ride us up out of the trough back into the sunshine.

"From top to bottom, we mean business at this club. I have never been so convinced of ultimate success at any time in my career as I am now."

He was confident, because he had the right Board and the right management team around him. "To get success you must have proven successful men in your team."

You supporters will help Rams do it. "Last Saturday we, at the bottom of Division Two, had the fourth highest League gate in the land. That tells you everything," he said.

● Full report, page 3.

. . . AND A VICE-PRESIDENT LOANS £5,000

Derbyshire-born London stockbroker Colin McKerrow, a Vice-president of the club, went into the Boardroom without warning last Saturday to present an interest-free loan of £5,000 to Chairman Mike Watterson and his Board of directors. "This is to help get the Bradford City debt off the club's back at this difficult time financially," he said. Left to right: Directors Bill Hart and Fred Fern, Colin McKerrow, Chairman Mike Watterson, and Vice-Chairman John Kirkland.

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Always a leader by example

ARCHIE ACHIEVED THE 350-MARK AT CAMBRIDGE

Baseball Background

Scene set by Mike Wilson

DERBY COUNTY'S RECENT TRANSFORMATION IS DUE IN NO SMALL MEASURE TO THE RE-SIGNING OF OUR FORMER SCOTTISH STAR ARCHIE GEMMILL.

Together with the inclusion of now-fit-again Steve Powell, class and composure has been introduced into two areas of the team, where it was most needed, defence and mid-field.

When Archie left Derby County in September 1977, in a deal that involved Forest goalkeeper, John Middleton joining the Rams, Archie had appeared in 333 senior games for the club, scoring 23 goals.

So we have to go back to October 26, 1976 for his 300th appearance for the Rams, in a League Cup 4th round tie at Brighton which ended in a 1-1 draw.

A hamstring injury prevented him from making that milestone a match earlier at Stoke. The injury was suffered in Athens in a second round UEFA Cup tie against AEK.

It ended a run of 82 consecutive appearances after he had returned from suspension in February 1975. When he made that 300th appearance Archie had appeared in 136 of 139 competitive matches.

After appearing in 15 of the next 17 League and Cup games an injury collected at Colchester in the Fourth Round of the FA Cup caused him to miss 12 matches. An accident in the Raynesway gymnasium did not help his progress back to full fitness.

He then played in the final 13 League games and helped to steer the Rams to First Division safety. Archie did not play in the opening match of the following season against Coventry but appeared in the five League and one League Cup games leading up to Tommy Docherty's replacing Colin Murphy as manager.

When Archie took the field at the Abbey Stadium, Cambridge last Tuesday it was his 350th competitive appearance for the Rams, just five and a half years after he left for Forest.

Since leaving the Rams he has played 166 League games combined for Nottingham Forest, Birmingham City and this season Wigan Athletic.

After joining Forest, Archie won his third League Championship medal (he won two with Rams), and assisted the Reds to winning the European Cup, the following season 1978-79.

But he was omitted from their team which defeated Malmo in the Final, following an injury which had caused him to miss the second leg of the semi-final.

Before the start of the 1979-80 season Archie signed for Birmingham and helped them back to the First Division. But his contract was cancelled in March 1982 and he went to America to play for the Jacksonville Tea Men.

Soon after Peter Taylor became manager of Derby County last autumn Archie was acquired from Wigan Athletic for whom he had been playing since his return from America. Archie's fourth game, at Craven Cottage against Fulham, was another milestone in his career. It was his 600th game in the Scottish and English Leagues. Now that he has played a further 11 games (including those v Wolves and Cambridge), Archie's full record at Derby is (goals in brackets):

League 276 (20); F.A. Cup 30 (5); League Cup 19 (1); European Cup 11 (1); UEFA Cup 10; Texaco Cup 3; Charity Shield 1. Total 350 (27).

Archie played 43 times for Scotland in a rather split career. He made his debut against Belgium on February 3, 1971, but after seven appearances did not play again for his country until October 1975, so he missed the 1974 World Cup.

He played in the World Cup in Argentina in 1978, and will be best remembered for that brilliant individual goal against Holland in a game which Scotland won 8-2. He also scored a penalty in that game.

Archie Gemmill scored eight goals for Scotland, for whom he made his final appearance in March 1981 against Northern Ireland. Now 36 years of age he has played in more than 750 competitive matches. When the domestic and European Cup competitions are added to his league total, together with those 43 in the blue shirt of Scotland.

Archie's strength is his total involvement, and his courage has never been in doubt. He has chosen to turn out in the past for the Rams even when not fully fit.

With the absence of Roy McFarland from most of Derby's 1974-5 League Championship campaign, the captaincy fell on the wee Scot, and he typically led the Rams to that title by example. An example which one hopes will help the Rams, not for the first time, to escape relegation this time. When he finally finishes his career with Derby, and the club are hopefully on the right road again, Archie Gemmill will have played his part in full in the only way he knows.

If his dedication and attitude rubs off on the rest of the team there will be nothing to fear.

As Dave Swindlehurst links arms with Bobby Davison after putting Rams into the lead against Wolves last Saturday skipper Archie Gemmill (right) is quickly on hand with his congratulations. Wolves fans look on mournfully in the background.

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RAMS off the field team

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The message is clear ... cut out the XXX's!

ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE ONLY BEEN BEATEN once in the nine League games they have played since 1983 dawned, the Rams are still at the bottom of Division Two.

Despite a dramatic improvement in both their determination and organisation, those nine games brought only three wins among five draws.

Therein lies the problem. They aren't returning enough three-pointers. Draws aren't good enough to haul Rams up the chart!

The Leicester match marked the two-thirds of the season stage, so we are now two games into the final third.

Just as after one third of the season, the Rams are still firmly on the bottom of the table.

The commitment they showed in the F.A. Cup run has been mirrored in all but one of the League matches since the turn of the year. But still the draws outnumber the wins.

Peter Taylors' first game, in the League, as manager of Derby County was a depressing goalless draw at home to Bolton. It was the 14th game of the season, and completed a very inept start.

The then record was:
P14 W1 D6 L7 F10 A24 Pts 9 Pos. 22.

Nine points from 14 games represented a disastrous beginning, a continuation of which would have given the Rams a total for the season of 27 points.

Happily, the recent point at Leicester gave them that total in their 28th League game.

The next 14 games up to and including the draw at Leicester saw the Rams break even over the period as follows:
P14 W4 D6 L4 F23 A20 Pts 20. Pos. 22.

But that record belies the significant improvement in the Rams' fortunes since the start of 1983.

The second third of the season divides conveniently into two halves, the first of which saw little or no improvement in the Rams' fortunes. In the first seven games the record was as follows:
P7 W1 D3 L3 F10 A10.

The home draw with Bolton was followed by a 2-2 draw, also at the Baseball Ground, against Oldham, and away at Burnley.

A 3-0 home victory over Rotherham followed these draws, the first victory scored by the Rams in 15 League games, and only their second in the 18 games then played.

The next four games were nothing short of disastrous as far as results went, with a 1-1 home draw against Palace, being the only point gained. Defeats were suffered in consecutive away games, at Fulham and at Newcastle. The third defeat was at home to Shrewsbury, who were 3-nil ahead before Bobby Davison exploded onto the scene with his first two goals for the club.

The promose showed in the final 15 minutes of that game was carried on to the latter seven matches of the phase, with the FA Cup also providing impetus.

Apart from the debacle at Carlisle things have much improved, with the following record in these next seven games.
P7 W3 D3 L1 F13 A10 Pts 11.

So there we see a complete reversal compared with the previous seven, starting ironically with a 2-2 draw with Oldham at Boundary Park, on New Years Day.

Two days later QPR the high flying team with Omniturf were vanquished.

Then came the one blot on the recent copybook as, following a stunning performance to put Forest out of the FA Cup, the Rams contrived to fall back into their old ways at Carlisle and were duly punished 3-0, for the second time this season. Derby conceded three goals again in the next League game at home to Leeds United, but scored three themselves for only the second time in their League programme.

Since then they have scored their first away victory 3-1 (at Chelsea) beaten Grimsby 2-nil here and followed that with three draws — two away, at Leicester and at Cambridge on Tuesday — and here against League leaders Wolves last Saturday.

Much of the improvement is due to the revival of Steve Powell after he missed 11 games with injury and the arrival of Paul Futcher. The pair have padlocked central defence.

Another key to the improvement since the New Year stems from the home game with Shrewsbury where John Barton was chosen as substitute, his place going to Gary Mills.

But the Rams looked a most disjointed outfit until Barton came on in the 61st minute to replace Ian Dalziel and Mills moved to the left side of midfield.

Barton was impressive, as if stung into action by being relegated to the bench. The three goal deficit was reduced by two goals, and had the game another quarter of an hour to run, the Rams could have won.

Barton has played positively ever since and earned the Man of the Match award for his performance against Manchester United.

Another example of his spirit was the goal he scored at Leicester as the Rams refused to lie down after going a goal behind. The full back ran fully 60 yards to be on the end of the move which produced that vital goal. The whole side earned their point in a display which if continued should see the Rams safe.

The Rams are still at the foot of the table so the one word which must not be used is complacency.

BUT NEITHER IS THERE ANY NEED FOR FEAR. SAFETY IS NOT SO FAR ADRIFT OF THEM. BUT THEY MUST START WINNING — ESPECIALLY AT THE BASEBALL GROUND.

THE BOTTOM EIGHT

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Goal Diff	P
Charlton	30	10	6	14	45	63	36	–18
Rotherham	31	8	11	12	33	45	35	–12
Crystal Palace	30	8	10	12	31	38	34	–9
Carlisle	31	8	9	14	51	57	33	–6
Middlesbrough	31	7	12	12	34	59	33	–25
Cambridge	31	8	9	14	31	46	33	–15
Burnley	29	8	5	15	44	49	29	–5
Derby County	30	5	14	11	34	45	29	–11

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PETER TAYLOR TELLS ILKESTON FORUM

We all mean business at this club — from the Chairman down . . .

All the signs are on Green-for-Go at the Baseball Ground to get Rams back into the First Division in three years . . . even if the worst happened, and relegation hit us this season.

That was the bright shaft of optimism which manager Peter Taylor forcefully imposed on the crowd who turned up at Ilkeston's Crockers Night Club last Monday to hear the Derby County Forum.

"The Board is right, the management foursome is right, and the players are right. What's more, this Board is digging deep to get me the extra player or two I need before next week's transfer deadline".

Saying that Derby's boards had been "a joke" for some time, the manager stressed that this one he was able to work with with confidence. "Had I not thought so, I would not have come. There is harmony, and a determination to have the ambition. They are proving that to me. If they hadn't I would not be here now."

HE DIDN'T BELIEVE THE CLUB WOULD BE RELEGATED, "BUT IT WILL BE A CLOSE-RUN THING AND THERE CAN BE NO GUARANTEE."

His leg had been pulled for his statement on arrival that even his missus could prevent relegation. "I hadn't seen the state of the players, or the club, when I said that. But the Board set out to get the management team around me that I wanted, and you all know the subsequent cost of that".

Chairman Mike Watterson pointed out: "To achieve success you must surround yourself with success. I have done that. We have the best management team in the game and on the Board. In Stuart Webb as commercial director we have not only the best fund-raiser in the business but, it's widely accepted, he was the best club secretary of the Football League. Trevor East is of the same ilk, a local man who is Head of Sport at Central TV. The rest of the board are businessmen with business acumen.

"Secretary Michael Dunford is doing a really fine job too and, right down, the staff are reacting to the new atmosphere exactly as the players . . . they are responding wonderfully.

"WE ARE GEARED TO ULTIMATE SUCCESS, WITH OUR FANS SHOWING A RESPONSE QUITE OUT OF THIS WORLD."

PETER TAYLOR AGREED WITH THAT ONE. "I'VE ALWAYS SAID THEY ARE THE BEST IN THE LAND, AND LAST SATURDAY PROVED IT.

"Here we are, bottom of Division Two, and we get the fourth highest League gate of the day throughout the country. What do you think we'd get if we were towards the top of Division One? Only Man United and Liverpool, two big city clubs, really have better potential than Derby".

The Ilkeston panel (above), left to right. Peter Taylor, Mike Watterson, Gerald Mortimer, sports editor of the Derby Evening Telegraph who did a tremendous shepherding job, Stuart Webb and Michael Dunford. Below: Another shot of them, showing part of the large audience.

When somebody from the floor pointed out last Saturday's gate was some 3,000 higher than Forest's, Peter, with a broad sweep of the arm, responded with: "Well, Derbyshire is a football place isn't it. We'll always do better, given the team".

Of his team he had only praise. Their response to his constant challenges had been magnificent, and we had had miracles, but we couldn't expect an upward surge without some reinforcement.

"I knew the plight of the club financially when I took the job and I know we must walk the tight-rope slowly, but we must walk — we must advance.

"I WILL ONLY BUY WITHIN THE LIMITS VITAL TO KEEP US AFLOAT, AND SO MY MANAGEMENT TEAM AND MYSELF HAVE SCOURED THE GAME FOR THE ONE OR TWO PLAYERS WHO COULD FURTHER TRANSFORM THIS TEAM INTO SECOND DIVISION PROMOTION CANDIDATES NEXT SEASON."

He said the fact that the Board had scraped together the cash to start that now, despite recent financial problems caused by the Bradford City affair was quite marvellous.

"WE ALL MEAN BUSINESS AT THIS CLUB, FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. IN 12 MONTHS TIME A FORUM LIKE THIS WILL PACK A LARGE AUDITORIUM BECAUSE OF OUR SINCERITY ALONE. FOOTBALL FANS AREN'T MUGS".

SWINDLEHURST TRANSFER TALK

IN THE END, IT'S GOT TO BE DAVID WHO DECIDES . . .

SUPPORTERS CONCERNED about stories that Aston Villa want David Swindlehurst were told by Peter Taylor that the final decision had to be left with David himself.

"Yes, Villa do want him," the manager confirmed, "and there was an offer on the table for him, involving an exchange with two Villa players, when I arrived here.

"Critics who complain about these stories should remember that not only is David still here, but he is playing out of his skin for the club.

"One of the best half dozen strikers in the country, undoubtedly, he is doing us a great job in midfield and he is enjoying his football at Derby County again.

"But at the end of the day it is a man's career we are talking about. Villa are one of the top clubs of the day. You want Dave here, so do I and so does the Board. But his future is at stake and only he, in the last resort, can decide.

"Would anyone want to deny him that right, or even criticise him, if he decided to bite at the Villa cherry. We would all want the right to make that decision if it were us."

● CHAIRMAN MIKE WATTERSON ASSURED: "WE DON'T NEED TO SELL DAVID TO PAY OFF BRADFORD CITY, DAVE WILL GO IF AND WHEN BOTH DAVID SWINDLEHURST AND PETER TAYLOR ARE READY."

Steve Cherry is a big 'Plus' bonus

ASKED HIS VIEWS on young keeper Steve Cherry, Peter Taylor admitted he thought he would need a new goalkeeper when he first arrived. "But I know now we don't need one.

"The boy has grown in confidence as the back four in front of him has improved. Even Peter Shilton looks edgy when his back four are shaky.

"The signs about Steve Cherry are highly encouraging. He is a dedicated professional and a good liver. He keeps getting better, he is anxious to get better, anxious to learn.

"No, we don't need to worry about our young goalkeeper and we are not looking for a replacement for him. In fact, Steve Cherry is a real big plus point for me."

Last Friday he had talked to young Steve about a new contract.

He had also snapped up a new contract for ANDY HILL, another bonus for him, and a boy who was also making strides.

"Young players of this calibre and character give the future a rosy hue," he said, "no matter the immediate problems and worries.

WE AIM TO RAISE £200,000 A YEAR THROUGH PROMOTIONS

— SAYS DIRECTOR STUART WEBB

FROM THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF DERBY COUNTY PROMOTIONS HE AIMS TO BRING THE CLUB IN SOME £200,000 A YEAR, DIRECTOR STUART WEBB TOLD THE MEETING.

"The cash is vital if we are to give Peter the funding he needs for the players he will want. So ever lottery ticket you sell, and every ticket you buy, is priceless for our fight back to the top.

"Just as every extra fan you can entice through the gates means so much to our future."

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We are a very happy club now. We weren't when I came in last October — MIKE WATTERSON.

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Although at this stage the club is not considering issuing two year season tickets this time, it is likely next year's tickets will be available earlier, and that generous discounts will be offered to those who renew early — secretary MICHAEL DUNFORD.

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We cannot physically stop any hooligans who get into the ground, so we have to rely on the police who do a wonderful job. The cost of their operation for the Man United Cup match was in the region of £7,000, which shows just how much of a burden hooligans are. If the general public would act as their own policemen and point out the villains it would be very helpful — MIKE WATTERSON.

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I take the praise for new signings, and the blame if it be that. But this is no one-man team. All four of us are involved checking possible new signings, and we discuss them. In the end it is my decision, but the build-up is done by all four of us — me, Roy Mac, Mick Jones and Ken Gutteridge.

In fact I have a 4½ man team. With us is Brian Newton who has been with me all through since my Burton Albion days. He is a part timer as he has a top job on the Railways, but he is invaluable to me — PETER TAYLOR.

Ilkeston's Supporters Club receive an Award

Geoff Watson (second left), manager of Crockers, Ilkeston, venue for the second Derby County sports forum, presents the Nellie Thorpe Memorial Cup to the Mayor of Erewash, Cllr. Richard Heathcote, who accepted the trophy on behalf of the Ilkeston branch of the Derby Supporters' Club. Cyril Flinders (left) branch chairman, looks on.

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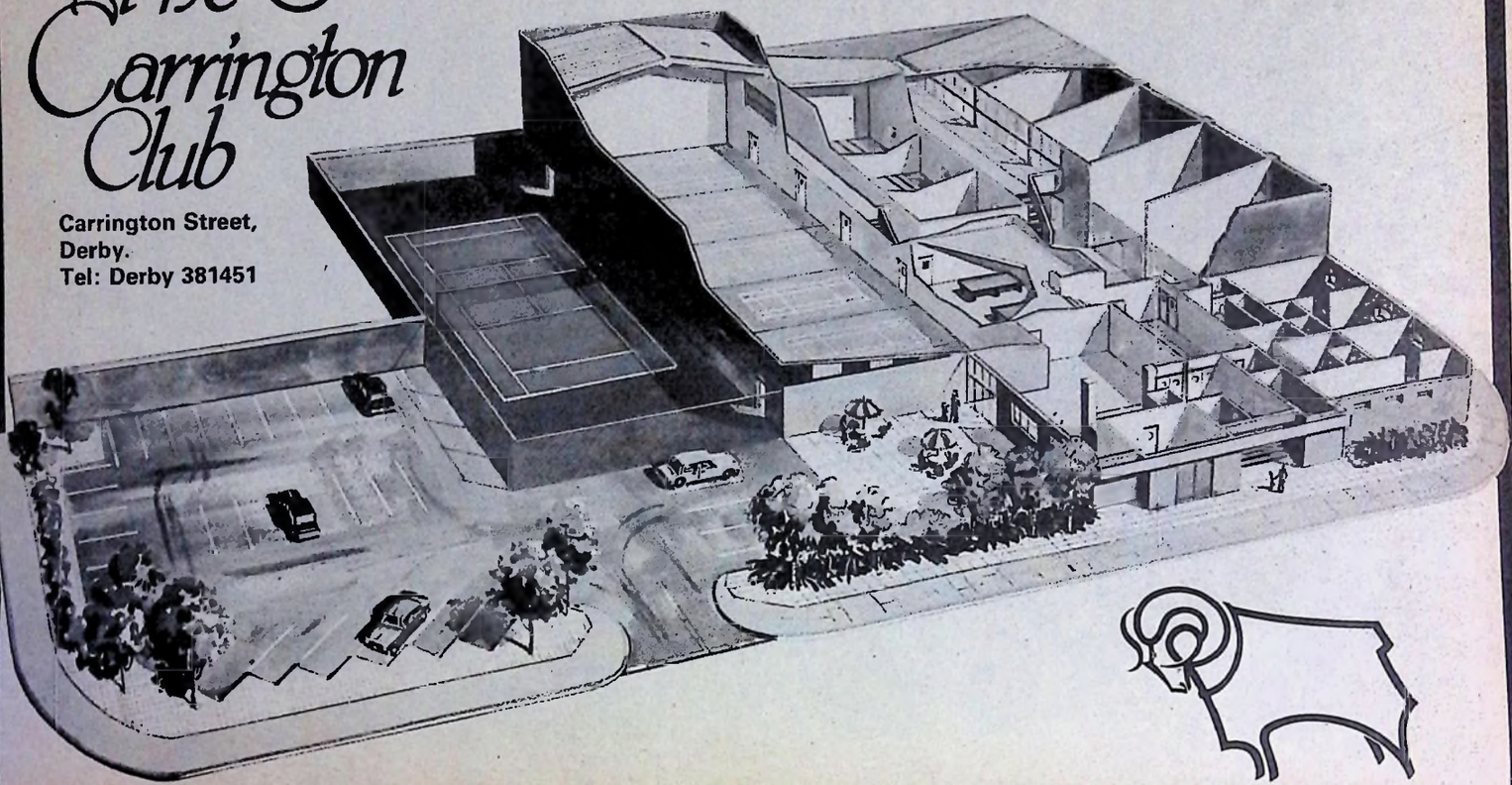

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RAMS APPEAL

DAVE HAD HIS BEER AT HOME WITH DAVENPORTS

Man of the Match Award: Davenports chose Dave Swindlehurst as their Man of the Wolves Match. Deputy Sales Manager Gary Kidd is here presenting hime with a case of Jager Lager. Looking on are Dave's colleagues, Steve Buckley and Mike Brolly.

MATCH SPONSORS MAKE AN IMPACT

Rams' Director Fred Fern presents Davenports Gary Kidd with a commemorative football signed by the Rams' players. Looking on are some of his Davenports colleagues. Now turn to Davenports' letter about the sponsorship on page 11.

Davenports had a great day out here last Saturday. Here their Marketing Manager Roger Broomhall receives a commemorative pennant from Rams' skipper Archie Gemmill. Looking on: Rams' Commercial Director Stuart Webb, Wolves' skipper Geoff Palmer, referee Ron Bridges, and the two Mascots of the Day, David Hodgetts (Wolves) and Richard Matthews (Rams).

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Supporters team

The Derby County Supporters Club team, drawn from Belper branch, which represents Rams in the Second Division Supporters Club League. Back, left to right: Richard Phipps, Ian Webster, John Hodgkinson (manager), Pete Vallis, Phil Gasgoyne, Frazer Shan. Front: Gary Tomlinson, Mark Jones (capt.), Simon Ramsey, Steve Crowder, Chris Vallis, Nick Wright.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION: NOTICE TO SPECTATORS

Every club is responsible to the Council for the actions of its spectators, and is required to take all *reasonable precautions to prevent spectators throwing missiles on to the pitch and/or threatening officials and players before, during or at the* conclusion of matches.

In the case of a breach of this Rule any spectator may be removed from any ground, and such force used as may be necessary for the purpose of effecting such removal.

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Rams' director Trevor East (left), with Wolverhampton's Chief Executive and Town Clerk, Kenneth Williams, stand behind Derby's Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr. and Mrs. Norman Glenn, who flank Wolverhampton's Mayoress, Mrs. Nicholls at last week's match. Both Mayoresses confess: "It's we who insist our husbands watch football with us." Well done, ladies.

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RAMS 1 WOLVES 1

ADD THE NAME OF WOLVES' MANAGER GRAHAM HAWKINS TO THE INCREASING NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO SIMPLY CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY RAMS ARE AT THE FOOT OF DIVISION TWO.

BY HARRY BROWN

Only the shrewd half-time tactical switch of veteran Terry Hibbitt to behind the back four, plus extra defensive demands on their midfield, stopped the first half Derby flow, at times of First Division calibre, which threatened to sink the League leaders without trace.

Said the Wolves' boss: "They play fine, entertaining football and should not be in trouble. I hope they get out of it."

Poor finishing, bad luck and some tremendous goalkeeping by John Burridge had earlier prevented Wolves from being buried.

The tactical switches completely blunted the Rams, who were stranded without midfield guile when Archie's machinations were blocked in the second half. But even though Wolves enjoyed much more possession, they were still given little space in Derby's box, by some quick and accurate challenging. It became clear that, for all their revival, they needed a stroke of luck to level.

When you see strikers of Andy Gray's transfer tag calibre forced to snatch nervously at chances, you know your rear-guard is on top.

Unhappily Wolves were given three slices of luck. A poorly directed pass out of defence led to a through-the-middle ball which would have safely been the yelling Steve Cherry's as he quickly came out . . . only for Paul Futcher to hastily put it away for a corner almost out of the goalkeeper's hands.

Lucky Wolves breaks one and two.

Number three came immediately when, from the resultant corner, a scramble emerged during which Rams had the opportunities to boot the ball away clear before it ran on to Wolves' debutant Kellock from Luton. He scurried in what looked like a wasted effort, until it struck David Swindlehurst, and deflected into the net with Cherry stranded on the wrong foot.

It meant a mixed day for David, nevertheless named Rams' Man of the Match by the sponsors. He scored a stupendous opening goal at 33 minutes when he ran on to a beautifully flighted Gary Mills corner that evaded half a dozen defenders, to head home a difficult chance that had passed the far post, and was dipping away from him.

Just before the interval he had made space into the box as an intricate short corner move led to Gemmill finding space for Mick Brolly whose perfect chip found David wide open inside the box. But his shot scraped the wrong side of the bar, with the goal gaping before him.

Bobby Davison was at least twice thwarted in good scoring positions by 'keeper Burridge, and generally it was a frustrating day for Rams who carved big holes in Wolves' defence by some thoughtful, high calibre football which had the biggest crowd of the season screaming through the first half in delight.

Wolves had the men to find a second half answer, but not many Second Division sides would. And even then they needed their slice of luck. Had Derby snapped in even one more of those gilt-edged first half chances it is doubtful Wolves would have recovered.

IF RELEGATION IS NOT TO BE SUFFERED, DERBY COUNTY SIMPLY HAVE TO STICK AWAY THE CHANCES OFFERED, AND I AM NOT NOW REFERRING TO HALF CHANCES EITHER. THAT IS TODAY'S STARK, BUT SIMPLE MESSAGE.

Oh, dear!

John Barton is tackled pretty comprehensively from behind by Andy Gray, as he was on a second half dash into the visiting area. Like his mates, Gray was steamed up by a high foot-up contact which had left a Wolves player on the deck a few moments earlier. But which the referee had not felt stopping play for. Both players needed attention.

GOAL

Gary Mills' beautifully flighted corner reaches Swindlehurst (his white shocks are showing behind the left arm of Wolves' number two). David's flashing header is going in for a goal despite the valiant dive of Andy Gray.

WOLVES BOSS PAYS RAMS A RICH TRIBUTE

Following a short corner a bewildering move initiated by Archie leaves Hibbitt grounded behind Mick Brolly as he chips in a great ball . . .

. . . which evaded all Wolves' defenders, and Bobby Davison too, as it goes towards the left — alone David Swindlehurst . . .

. . . he turns to crack in a shot which, disappointingly soars up just the wrong side of the bar. So a 2-nil interval lead wasn't to be. Pictured from the otherside of goal by Adrian Huckerby.

HECTIC CAMBRIDGE HUFFED . . . BUT DIDN'T MANAGE TO PUFF

Cambridge 0 Derby 0

GARY MILLS' fine late tackle on Cambridge United skipper Steve Spriggs, which saved an almost certain goal 16 minutes from the end, has rightly received a great deal of praise.

But some ten minutes later came an equally vital moment — at the Cambridge end. Bobby Davison beautifully left two defenders trailing, to reach the edge of the box.

A third was hurtling in at him a yard or so away, but instead of using his speed and control to go at the unguarded 'keeper, Davison decided on an immediate shot — and sent it straight at Webster.

Rams had few other chances after a sparkling opening quarter hour, and were pegged back by a home side whose long kicking and enthusiastic running caused problems.

But they didn't have the finesse to go ahead in a tense, error-[illegible] tion bat[illegible]

Said [illegible]

"Our defence had to battle throughout, and we did it well. That was pleasing. Playing against the top teams has not been a problem to us because the atmosphere provokes a response.

"But at Cambridge there was almost no atmosphere, a small crowd, and a very bumpy pitch. It was always going to be hard, but the lads battled for 90 minutes."

Andy Hill is sandwiched out of it as Cambridge defenders Turner and Donaldson [illegible] concede a fifth corner in the opening few minutes.

Chatterbox

HE LEAVES WEMBLEY STADIUM ON FRIDAY NIGHTS TO WATCH DERBY COUNTY ON SATURDAYS . . .

PETE ROBINSON

LAST SATURDAY we asked whether any Rams fan had a more unlikely job than Eric Rose of Wembley, who is a "Beadle" (custodian) in the famous London West End Burlington Arcade.

We wondered whether we would find one. We think we have.

Pete Robinson (21), of Masfield Avenue, Sunny Hill, Derby drives up the M1, leaving London at 10.30 p.m. every Friday night.

He drives the opposite way on Sunday evenings, having spent his Saturday afternoon on the Pop Side supporting the Rams, or meeting his mates to follow them away from home.

Not too unusual?

It is, you know, because every weekday sees him at work at Wembley Stadium, where every footballer would love to play. He is assistant greyhound racing manager at the stadium.

The last race on Fridays is 10.15 p.m., and he is on the road to Rams fanland 15 minutes later.

Pete started 'dogs' involvement at Derby Stadium and his home is still here.

He met his friend Dave Basford at Cambridge last Tuesday evening to watch the Rams — Dave going from Derby — and they hope to be at Bolton on March 26.

From Wembley Stadium to the Baseball Ground . . . that has to be unusual!

Let us hope the Rams do the trip the other way before too long.

BEFORE every home match for years Derby County's administrative staff have run a sweep on "Guess-the-Gate."

Last Saturday, club secretary Michael Dunford won the sweep. His guess: 17,644. The gate: 17,644. SPOT ON!

LOUTS ARE SCATTERED

WE SHUDDERED when a family phoned from Wolverhampton this week to gratefully thank a *Rams* fan in a Blue Escort car.

Three Wolves fans were set upon after the match by a bunch of louts wearing Rams' colours.

Passing, this burly real Rams supporter screeched to a halt, raced from his car, and set upon the Derby bravados . . . forcing them to run away. He hit them hard, apparently.

The Wolves' fans had to go to the D.R.I., but were not seriously hurt. "But for your fan in the blue Escort, they'd have been seriously hurt," their families tell us. "We don't know his name, but he has our heartfelt thanks. We realise he truly represents your club, not the thugs."

THEY CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! AND AGAIN!!

From Glasgow, with love

SHOWING UP from his "A" Stand seat, is 17 years old apprentice plumber James Morris who travels 700 miles from Gourock, in the Clyde Estuary near Glasgow. He started to come here when Peter Taylor and Roy Mac arrived last year and now admits he is "Rams mad, and firmly hooked."

In fact he wants to move down to Derby when he finishes his apprenticeship, though he doesn't know what Mum and Dad will say about that. For sure, though, his local team Morton have lost a fan. Welcome among us Jimmy, fans like you ensure we'll be back at the top before long. We hope you enjoy your Friday night to Sunday morning stays in our city.

PINCHED: A RAMS' WEATHER VANE . . .

A DERBY COUNTY weather vane in the shape of the Ram, in blue and white, was stolen in Mickleover last Sunday (March 13).

If anyone reading this has heard of, or seen anything like it, please phone Mrs. B. Freestone on Derby 511021.

"We're very upset at its loss," she told Jayne, the club's telephone receptionist.

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.

TODAY'S MASCOT IS A VERY SPECIAL LAD

HANDING cheques worth £46 to Rams' director Fred Fern last Saturday is ten years old David Gaskin, 26 Rectory Road, Cotgrave, Notts.

Not in the best of health, he raised the cash by people sponsoring his reading more than two dozen books in four weeks, even though he lost an eye in an accident some years ago.

He was overjoyed to meet Swindles and Bucko, but disappointed to miss his idol Archie Gemmill.

But today he gets the reward he has long dreamed about. He'll run out with Archie and the lads as Rams' mascot. David deserves a very special cheer!

REMEMBER the special Harry Newton sweater passed down several times as the owners grew out of it. Now it's gone to young Paul Horsley, whose Dad (seen with him) is landlord at the Flowerpot Inn at Ilkeston. All the family are Rams fanatics and season ticket holders. Paul's been coming since he was four.

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Quiz Kings

The Donington Trophy sports quiz semi-finals are on March 28. (Trophy left valued at £800.) Spare a thought for the officials who have travelled many miles all are over the county to ensure fair play. They are, left to right — Michael Varty (Castle Donington branch secretary), Scorer: Ernie Hallam, M.C. and Questionmaster, Ivan Cook (Castle Donington, Chairman), Timekeeper.

Supporters Club Scene brought to you by Ernie Hallam

WHY NO REAL RAMS' SONG?

THE comprehensive correspondence I receive about Derby County varies in volume but is always varied. It comes from all over the country, indeed from all over the world.

I do seem to have a very heavy flow from the Scandinavian countries where British soccer is televised but one point of interest to me has been the recent increase in letters from Ireland.

When we had a contingent of Irish stars at Derby (such as Langan, Daly, Moreland, Casky, etc.) it was understandable. But why the last few months has seen an appreciable interest from this quarter *baffles me.*

Many are the good wishes and sympathies we get. Often years of exile shine through letters from distant places.

Many are the queries and points raised. But last week I received a letter which was unique, one I felt to which I could not give a very helpful reply.

It came from a Miss Hyatt who is researching into Football Supporters' songs for a thesis on popular tradition as part of her graduate diploma in music at Colchester.

She told me she was interested in chants and songs on the terraces and sung travelling in supporters' coaches.

She asked for any information we could give her and though I tried to be as helpful as possible, I didn't feel I had much of interest to tell her.

Derby Popsiders do have songs and chants, but nothing peculiar to Derby alone, except perhaps one that sprang from quite another source — "Derbyshire, Derbyshire, Derbyshire."

Derby County Promotions have issued records in the past. Efforts have been made to popularise a real Derby County song but one has never ever been established. Nothing has become synonymous with the Rams and stuck. I do not know the reason. Do you?

I HAVE BEEN window shopping a few times of late. Thanks to the generosity of Vitrev Packaging who are again sponsoring individual prizes for my quiz night at the Pennine on March 30. I have money to spend. Trevor East says the directors' team will clean us all up.

Remember, every Rams fan is invited to come along and join in and maybe win, not only the trophy but an individual prize as provided by the sponsors.

THE WAGON has started to roll, the Derby County wagon that is taking the club to the people in the shape of a sports forum comprising, whenever possible, members of the Board of Directors, management, secretary and players.

Whatever any branch does for social functions, the presence of a few club celebrities is the icing on the cake.

The first branch to host a forum was Heanor last week and the Miners' Welfare was almost full. As it should be, to receive not only the chairman of the club, team manager Roy Mac, the secretary and players contributing the panel, with Gerald Mortimer in the chair.

Each person present forms his own opinion and can ask any member of the panel a question. My personal little titbit of the evening was the cultured expertise with which the club Chairman Mike Watterson dealt with a questioner from the floor, so serious, so demanding of explanations that he became the evening's comedian as the chairman dealt with him. He gave the impression of getting on with the job while swatting a troublesome fly.

The questioner paraded a list of famous friends to bolster his arguments and Charlie George together with a London journalist perhaps do not know of a publicity agent they have, even at a place like the Heanor Miners Welfare.

Various sensible questions were expertly answered by the chairman, secretary and Roy McFarland, with tributes being paid to supporters and players.

Archie and John Barton each gave short concise answers to queries regarding "highs and lows" of their careers, and the audience remained interested to the end.

I am sure that the committee of Heanor Branch were well pleased with the evening as a whole, and surely it must have been a boost to membership and recruitment.

One point that no one was left in doubt about as Mike Watterson ended with a brief chat about the club and its prospects, was that every supporter who went through the turnstiles was appreciated as was the work of the branches. A platform has been made he said, from which the future can be directed but the club was still financially embarrassed and every supporter was needed desperately. To enable the club to make the progress it has ambitions for, he appealed "Keep going through the turnstile and conduct yourselves in such a manner that many stayways are tempted back to the fold."

This merely repeats an appeal that has appeared in this column many times. As a supporter, I feel entitled to say that at Leicester the behaviour of some of our supporters left a lot to be desired, as did also the lack of organisation and stewarding in the portion of the ground allotted to Derby County Supporters. Derby have recently been "crucified" for much less than this.

Our colleagues at Belper are really looking forward to their forum in April but were at the wrong end of the see-saw of fortune when their President John Barton was detailed to appear at the Heanor Forum. They had a Junior Rams meeting at Hollbrook to which they were expecting John. As many players were playing at Barnsley the same evening, it proved impossible to get a late replacement.

Belper's Music Quiz also clashed with the fixture at Ilkeston last Monday.

BEST WISHES to 'A' team trainer Jack Wilmot, longtime Rams servant, who is now convalescing at his son's home after three weeks in hospital following an operation for gallstones.

Get well soon Jack. We're all missing you.

TICKETS for Castle Donington branch annual dinner dance are almost sold out. Contact Secretary Michael Varty or chairman Ivan Cook. It's at the Yew Lodge, Kegworth, on April 18.

In order not to clash, Belper have moved their pop quiz final to April 26.

I'M still looking for a few more supporters to play in my Ernie's XI to clash with Tiny's Team at the Baseball Ground on Sunday May 8. Roy McFarland and Kevin Hector are two of the big names who will be on view.

Tiny (Steve Stone) is doing the organising for the senior five-a-sides. This is for supporters club branches only and we are looking for one men's and one women's team from each.

Junior Rams football

In our Junior Rams League under 13 section Belper's score of 13 was unlucky for Headquarters as their visitors consolidated their position at the top of the table.

Ashbourne and Ilkeston both collected points but did not improve their goal difference tally by much, an important factor at the end of the day.

Heanor had a handsome win and leapfrogged local rivals Ripley in the table to stay in touch with the leaders.

In the under 15 section Ripley beat Headquarters 7-1 in a match brought forward by both teams' appearances in the K.O. Cup semi-finals on March 27.

This closed the gap to four points on leaders Ilkeston, and brought them level with second placed Ashbourne.

Results of matches played Sunday, March 6: Under 13: Headquarters 2, Belper 13; Ripley 0, Ashbourne 2; Heanor 7, S.E. Derbyshire 1; Castle Donington 1, Ilkeston 2. Under 15: Headquarters 1, Ripley 7.

UNDER 13s

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belper	12	10	1	1	97	13	21
Ashbourne	10	8	1	1	62	7	17
Ilkeston	11	7	1	3	60	17	15
Heanor	10	6	1	3	51	21	13
Ripley	11	6	0	5	77	22	12
HQ	11	2	0	9	15	87	4
C. Donington	12	2	0	10	15	95	4
S.E. Derbys	11	1	0	10	8	123	2

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SUNDAY MARCH 27th, 1983
RAMARENA GROUND

Steve Stone's Junior Rams Column

Why they sank without trace

IN OUR LAST ISSUE I reported some of the topics discussed at a meeting of branch representatives at the BBG. I couldn't possibly include everything we talked about as we touched on so much, so today I present episode two.

Most of the contest last time was football-orientated, but the meeting went on to look into JR events in general. I mentioned we don't have nearly enough occasions when we join together as a club. The Christmas Party used to be the only time, until we added our Junior Rams' Day.

The quiz gave us another date to some extent, and contacts with other clubs and our representative sides also bring the youngsters in *Ramsfanland* together.

We visit Millers United at Rotherham on Saturday, April 24 for 5-a-sides and "It's a Knockout." I have booked a 57-seater but it looks as if this won't be enough. We are in touch with our counterparts up North, and hope to have final arrangements sorted out soon. Liz Moore will be looking after the party, so all branches interested in taking part should contact her with numbers and to discuss their involvement. Our own 5-a-sides for JRs have been fixed for Sunday May 1 at the *Ramarena*.

Details will soon be filtering through to our branches, but one promising indication is the number of branches who will be entering our section for young ladies this year.

We're looking very carefully at our events to increase involvement by our girl members and next season we hope to introduce their own competitions.

Our structure of competitions is always under revision, as they are one way we can bring the branches together in friendly rivalry. I am sometimes asked why I mention particular competitions which then appear to "sink without trace," later.

Usually it is because what I consider to be great ideas simply do not capture the imagination of our members or our branches.

Sometimes the weather delivers a knock-out blow, sometimes time is not on our side and things are shelved. Like our 'Whacky Olympics," "JR Fun and Games," call it what you will.

I am determined not to disappoint any of you youngsters in *Ramsfanland* again. All our competitions will have to satisfy strict criteria in future. Response will be guaged before we launch one.

Organisation will similarly be watertight before we start. Firm commitment from all concerned will have to be pledged before we kick-off. I'm not out to provide quantity at the expense of quality.

Our quiz is one event that has been well received. The date and venue will be decided by a restructuring of our end of season programme.

We have so many receiving awards at our Junior Rams Day at the BBG we are in danger of clogging every corridor on the ground with youngsters waiting to step forward for a presentation. We tried to transfer some to the Ley Clubroom and I am the first to admit it didn't work.

We are keeping our JR Day, but transferring our Awards to an indoor and evening venue. The quiz will be held on the same night.

The JR Day again is an occasion we can join together as a club, an Awards Evening will give us an extra opportunity.

A number of other topics were discussed and suggestions put forward. They must be discussed further with the parent club before I can report.

Popping along to the meeting was director Trevor East. He pledged his support to all you youngsters, along with another director, Stuart Webb, who founded the JRs Club.

- Club secretary Michael Dunford and Ramarena Manager Phil Jones have been invaluable in their help and encouragement of everything we have arranged for you. I'll be getting together with Mr. Dunford to discuss this season and our plans for next, shortly. But I'm afraid we have to say a fond farewell to Phil Jones. TTFN and thanks a lot Phil.

Thanks a million, too, to all those who have helped over the season. There's plenty left to do, and plenty more for next year.

I AM PLEASED to see you youngsters acting as Champions of Charity yet again. This time it's Ripley Branch, holding a sponsored swim in aid of the DRI Flying Squad (Did you see that very interesting article on them in the Sunday Mail?). It's on March 19. Best of luck all you in the swim in *Ramsfanland*, Ripley.

ILKESTON JRs train each Wednesday at S.E. Derbyshire College gym, where Andy Hill and Steve Buckley are actively involved.

The branch are naming two trophies after them. These will be awarded to the youngsters who train hard, not necessarily picking out the best players, but those showing the most enthusiasm.

The Under 13 trophy is named after Andy, the Under 16s after Steve.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Junior Ram dates for your diary:

March 27: K.O. Cup semi-finals, kick off 1 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. Full details in last week's Ram.

May 1: 5-a-sides. To be announced in the Newcastle issue.

May 8: K.O. Cup finals plus Ernie's XI v Tiny's Team. At the Baseball Ground. A feast of football.

WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS OF JR DAY AND JR AWARD NIGHT.

CAN YOU HELP? I had a letter last week from David Booth of Stoke who saves Supporters Club badges. He wants a JR badge from 1970-71 for his collection. Anyone able to help?

MILK CRATE MASCOT

Today's mascot was originally to be nine-years-old Richard Farquhar who has watched the Rams for the last three seasons. He is usually to be found perched on a plastic milk crate on the Pop Side.

He saved his pocket money to travel to Birmingham for the Milk Cup tie there. He is trying hard to get in Meadow Farm School team. He plays 6-a-side for his cub pack. He will appear with Rams in the near future.

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"Before we opened", says Mr. Blount, "there were some criticisms we were expensive — but that was before people saw what we had to offer.

"Derbyshire people agree. At 1,250 members we are just 250 away from the target 1,500 we aimed for our first year, only nine months ago. Nothing even remotely like The Carrington has been offered to Derby before. The standard of facilities is vastly superior to that of other squash clubs, as anyone who sees it can confirm."

True. The Carrington provides squash, tennis, badminton and snooker facilities, plus the Sports Hall, the gymnasium and (free of charge) a Solarium, Jacuzzi and a Sauna.

There is also a tastefully decorated, large lounge and bar with full meal facilities.

Said members we met as we inspected: "A bargain buy is this, if ever there was one."

Derby County players are among those using its tremendous facilities.

Trying out the ladies' sauna at the Carrington Club.

Says manager Peter Taylor: "It's just the right place for our players to relax and work in. An extension, really, to our training programme. It's doing the lads the world of good."

HOT AND COLD food is available at the Carrington Club every lunchtime, and six evenings a week. You can order snacks and full meals. Also fine, inexpensive wines, are available. And there is an extensively stocked bar.

TRIM IN THE GYM

A MEN'S EXERCISE room is available at the club — well equipped and most serviceable. But the gymnasium is usually the province of women members, and the Health and Beauty squad.

Former England schools' gymnast Caroline Maskray is in charge of health and fitness sessions for women. A 22 years old, who earned a BA at Bangor University, she keeps the gymnasium busy with a lot of active ladies working hard.

In addition to facilities for active exercise sessions, there are also regular trim-and-slim classes for the girls.

Caroline is also available for general advice on health and beauty.

Hosts to British Open Squash Championships

THE CARRINGTON Club stages British Open Squash Championship matches next month, when the world's best players gather in Derby on April 2.

On that day the qualifying rounds will start on at least five Carrington courts, and there will be more qualifying games at the Club on the Sunday, before the first round of the men's open starts on Monday April 4.

All the first round games in the men's event, plus first and second round matches in the Women's Open will be at the Carrington before the main competitions switch to the Assembly Rooms.

Says the Carrington manager, John Hancock: "There will be a lot of top class squash players here during the Open, and a lot of seating is available behind our two glass-backed courts."

Two finals have been scheduled for The Carrington, to emphasise its growing importance on the Derby sporting scene. The women's veterans event, and the men's vintage competition, will both be completed there.

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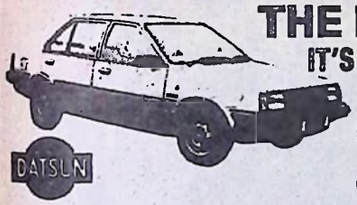

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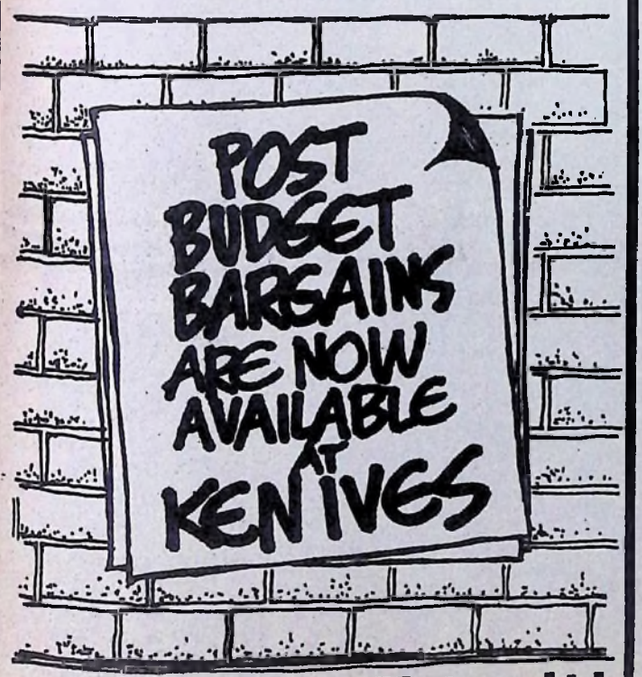

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Ramathon builds up into a big May 15 Carnival

THE KENNING RAMATHON which is being organised by Derby County Football Club in conjunction with the City Council and sponsored by the Kenning Motor Group is really "hotting up." There are now more than 1,500 entrants. May 15 promises to be a great day out in Derby, writes race director Phil Jones.

The event offers both full and half marathons and those of you who are reasonably fit can still do enough to run 13 miles 192 yards. A lot will be happening at the start/finish area and I have no doubt some of Rams playing staff will be around on the day.

Paul Blades and Ian Dalzeil have already taken the plunge, and agreed to run the full 26 miles 385 yards, taking in a great deal of Derby. An application form is printed below.

The *Ram* will carry regular up-dates on progress and we hope that many of you will take advantage of the club's involvement. Money is being raised for a piece of equipment for the Baby Unit at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, and 50% of your sponsorship money goes to this very worthwhile cause. However, you can if you wish, donate 50% to help the club.

Although I have now moved on from my post as Recreation Manager at the *Ramarena* I am coming to continue my involvement with the event. I really enjoyed my time with the Rams, and it has been a great experience. The *Ramathon* has always been my baby, and I could not pull out at this stage.

The Organising Committee have been working very hard to make sure it is not only a race, but a tremendous spectacle on the 15th.

Just about the whole of Osmaston Park will be covered with things for people to do and see. There will be a bouncing castle for the kids, catering tents, show bands and all number of displays. We really are going to have a party.

Do not miss out. If you have not entered yet send off the form straight away. More entry forms are available from Derby County Promotions, the Baseball Ground general office, several sports shops in Derby, and all branches of the Kenning Motor Group.

The event is being run in support of the Derby Branch of the British Heart Foundation. It is hoped to raise up to £50,000 for a piece of equipment to be used in the Baby Unit at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary.

RADIO DERBY AUCTION

AS PART OF THE FUND-RAISING activities it is planned, with the help of local media, to auction numbers 001 and 007. *Radio Derby* have kindly agreed to accept telephone bids on Thursday, March 31 and Friday April 1.

Steve Cherry and Mick Brolly, currently regular first team players in these two positions for Derby County have agreed to model Heart Foundation T-shirts carrying the two race numbers on Thursday, March 17 (1 p.m.) at the Derby County Training Centre at Raynesway.

Representatives of the Organising committee and the British Heart Foundation will be available to answer questions, and further written details will also be distributed.

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KENNING RAMATHON 83

DERBY COUNTY F.C.

DERBY COUNTY FOOTBALL CLUB IN CONJUNCTION WITH DERBY CITY COUNCIL PRESENT THE FIRST EVER RAMATHON, SPONSORED BY THE KENNING MOTOR GROUP, RUN IN SUPPORT OF THE MAIN RACE CHARITY, THE DERBY BRANCH OF THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION.

APPLICATION FORM

Further copies of this Application Form may be obtained from Kenning Motor Group depots.

DATE: 15th MAY, 1983, 10 a.m. Full and Half Distances. Entry Limit, 10,000. Entry Fee, £3.50.

- Fast level interesting route through City centre.
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Please state the address of your nearest Kenning Motor Group plc Depot from where your presentation certificate will be available after the race .....

Please complete this form carefully. Use only BLOCK CAPITALS, write one letter per box. Details will be computer processed. Clarity is essential.

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Surname/Family Name

First Name

Postal Address

Sex M F

Age at 15-5-83

Date of Birth

Town

County

"T" Shirt Size (if available) S M L

Post Code

Daytime Phone Number

Please tick if you intend bringing your car

DECLARATION.

Please enter me for the Kenning Ramathon 83. I enclose my cheque/P.O. for £3.50 made payable to Kenning Ramathon 83. I agree to abide by A.A.A. and W.C.C.A. laws. I confirm that I have no medical disabilities which would endanger myself or others taking part.

Signature..... Date .....

All entries will be acknowledged from 28th February, 1983.
Closing date for entries: Monday, 25th April, 1983.

Please return this form to:
KENNING RAMATHON 83,
Derby City Council,
Parks and Recreation Dept.,
Castlefields House, Derby.
Telephone enquiries to Derby 31111, ext. 489.

To the extent permitted by the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977, The Ramathon 83 Committee and the Derby City Council will not be liable for any loss, damage, illness or injury whatsoever directly or indirectly occasioned by or resulting from the negligence, wrongful act or default of The Ramathon 83 Committee or the Derby City Council or their respective servants or agents or from any other cause, including any act of God or the physical condition of the competitor.

Focus on our visitors

THEY ARE NOBODY'S BABIES

by Geoff Allman

ON Tuesday the Wednesday won an F.A. Cup semi-final place. Today they are back striving to stay in the Second Division promotion race.

Truly, this once great club is getting back into the big time again as Jack Charlton strives to put the lid on the excellent progress made since his appointment in October 1977.

Wednesday began the present campaign with three wins in a row and until mid-November had lost only one away game.

They also progressed to the quarter-finals of the Milk Cup, going down 1-0 to Arsenal at Highbury. In the FA Cup they put out Southend after two replays, Torquay and Cambridge to earn themselves this week's all-Second Division win over Burnley.

They have lost just twice at Hillsborough this season (to Leeds and Rotherham). On their travels they have won at Charlton, QPR, Blackburn and Crystal Palace.

Watch 'em. They're nobody's babies ...

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY FC 1983 — Back, left to right: M. Lyons, G. Oliver, J. Pearson, A. McCulloch, Peter Shirtliff, T. Matthewson, Middle: F. Blunstone and M. Setters (coaches), R. Beaumont, M. Smith, D. Redfern, B. Bolder, M. Sterland, A. Mirocevic, A. Toms (P.T.I.), J. Honey (Physio). Front: G. Owen, G. Shelton, C. Williamson, M. Pickering, J. Charlton (manager), G. Megson, G. Bannister, Paul Shirtliff, K. Taylor.

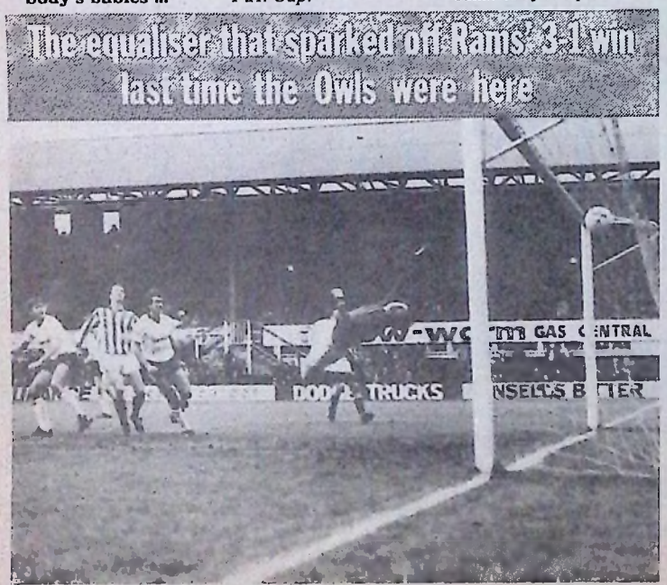
IT'S TIME THE BALL RAN TRUE FOR WEDNESDAY

By Phil Tweed

IT IS SAID, SOMEWHAT GLIBLY I CONFESS, that clubs of the heritage and stature of Sheffield Wednesday are "good for the Second Division." Perhaps this is so, for the other clubs, but not in the long term for Wednesday. Like Derby County they are First Division in everything but current status.

Once again this season the Hillsborough club are so near, yet so far, from regaining that coveted promotion. But, in truth, it appears any hopes of silverware this season now lies in the F.A. Cup.

Last season they were denied promotion at the post by one point — Norwich overtaking them at the last gasp. It was the first season of three points for a win. Under the discarded two-points a win system they would have outstripped the Canaries by two points!



Sheridan's second half headed equaliser that sparked off two Kevin Wilson goals in the last ten minutes or so that gave Rams a 3-1 win when Sheffield Wednesday came here in search of League points last season on January 30, 1982.

It had to happen to a club at some time, yet it seemed typical of the setbacks and tragedies which have surrounded the Yorkshiremen, particularly over the last 40 years.

The on-field accident which cost the leg of their folk-hero Derek Dooley in 1953 rocked the football world and stunned the city of Sheffield. The bribes scandal of the early 60's which hit them hard was lived-down, while the sacking of Dooley, then manager, on Christmas Eve ten years ago is still discussed by Sheffield folk in their sombre moments. Yet the club has survived and thrived with dignity.

The Sheffield Club is the oldest recorded club in the annals of Association Football. They were formed in 1820, originally as a cricket club. In 1866 came the foundation of 'Wednesday', now the fifth oldest League club, and they played under that name until 1929.

The year 1892 saw them elected to The League's First Division, a place they held until 1899, when their first relegation hit them.

As if to underline their inconsistency, the club twice appeared in the F.A. Cup Final during this early period, losing by the then record score of 6-1 to Blackburn Rovers in 1890, then winning the trophy six years later.

Their relegation was brief and the following season Wednesday took the Second Division title to herald the first of their 15 moves of Division in their long history. The turn of the century was to prove the advent of a highly successful period with the League title being won by 'The Owls' in 1903 and 1904 followed by another Cup success in 1907.

Abruptly however their triumphs ended at this juncture with little to show for two decades of endeavour.

Perhaps it was the name-change to Sheffield Wednesday in 1929 that brought about the "golden era" to Hillsborough as '29 and 30 saw another "pair" of League title wins following close on the 1925 Second Division championship.

"The Owls" were now a major force and the 1935 F.A. Cup triumph came as no surprise.

Yet a repetition of their fall from grace 30 years earlier was to follow. In 1937 they were relegated and the following season almost dropped into the Third Division.

From this juncture the tag of the yo-yo team began to stick. In 1939 they missed promotion on goal average from neighbours United, a situation which was to be reversed in 1950 when — on the same date — May 6 Wednesday took the Second Division title ahead of United, on goal average, ironically against the same team in the season's last game — Spurs.

The following season it was back to "The Second" when they were relegated by .004 of a goal from surviving Chelsea.

In 1952 came the introduction of Derek Dooley to League football. The tall, ungainly marksman scored 46 goals in his 30 games that season to take the club back to the top flight.

Dooley was to be the most controversial player of his day — albeit brief. Standing 6ft 3in and wearing size 12 boots, the flame-haired Dooley showed little finesse, yet he was always first to the ball. His career covered only 60 games in which he totalled 62 goals before it ended tragically in February 1953 at Deepdale, Preston.

Dooley, chasing a through ball, collided with Preston goalkeeper George Thompson to suffer a broken right leg. The wound became infected and his leg was amputated the following day. Thus ended the career of a man who, to this day, gives his all to Sheffield football and is currently Commercial Manager at neighbouring United.

The Second Division title went to Hillsborough in 1956 and 1959, thereby giving the impression that one never really knew whether Wednesday were in the First or Second Divisions for several seasons, so frequent were their agonies and ecstacies.

With their first century tucked under their belt, the club made their fifth and most recent F.A. Cup Final appearance, going down in 1966 by 3-2 in a thrilling game to Everton, which was to prove to be Wednesday's last tilt for another major honour.

By 1975 the club had slipped to the Third Division, a place they occupied until 1980 and from which they now strive under Jack Charlton to revive their former glories which have experienced quite a few records.

Their activities in the transfer market over the years have seen the club break British records on the three occasions involving Jackie Sewell and Albert Quixall in the '50's and Tony Kay in the sixties.

In the 1977-78 season they collected an unenviable record of having ten different players miss penalties during the season. The following year the two Sheffield clubs, in opposition on Boxing Day recorded the highest-ever crowd for a Third Division game, 49,309.

Yes — in all but status Wednesday are a First Division club most certainly. Whether 1983 will see that ambition fulfilled is purely conjecture at this time.

One thing however is certain. Wednesday will grace the top flight when they do return. Hopefully the string will have snapped on the "yo-yo" to leave "The Owls" flying high.

RAMS week-by-week

the page that keeps you in touch

FOOTBALL LEAGUE, FA CUP, MILK CUP

KEY: W = Withdrawn; W/I = Withdrawn injured; S/O = Sent Off; O/G = Own Goal; Subs who play are underlined

		Res.	Att.	Pts.	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 28	**Carlisle Utd**	0-3	11,206	0	—	Banovic	Barton	Attley	Powell	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Skivington (W)	Wilson	Swindlehurst	Reid	Emson
Aug 31	Halifax (MC 1r 1l)	1-2	2,000	0	—	Banovic	Barton	Attley	Powell	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Skivington	Wilson (W/I)	Swindlehurst (1)	Reid	Emson
Sept 4	QPR	1-4	10,217	0	—	Banovic	Barton	Attley	Powell (W/I)	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Skivington	Gamble (1)	Swindlehurst (S/O)	Reid	Hill
Sept 8	**Chelsea**	1-0	8,075	3	—	Banovic	Barton (W/I)	Buckley (1) Pen	Skivington	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Attley	Hill	Swindlehurst	Dalziel	Emson
Sept 11	**Middlesbro**	1-1	9,050	4	16	Banovic	Attley	Dalziel (1) Pen	Skivington	Foster/	McAlle	Brolly	Reid	Hill	Swindlehurst	Emson	Gamble
Sept 15	**Halifax** (MC 1r 2l)	5-2	6,534	—	—	Banovic	Barton	Buckley (2, 1 Pen)	Skivington (1)	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Attley	Hill (1)	Swindlehurst	Dalziel (W/I)	Wilson (1)
Sept 18	**Leeds U**	1-2	16,889	4	19	Banovic	Barton	Buckley	Skivington (S/O)	Foster (W/I)	Blades	Brolly (1)	Attley	Hill	Wilson	Dalziel	Emson
Sept 25	**Blackburn R**	1-2	9,361	4	20	Banovic	Attley	Buckley	Powell	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Skivington	Gamble	Swindlehurst (W/I)	Dalziel (A)	Hill
Oct 2	**Charlton Ath**	1-1	4,685	5	21	Banovic	Barton	Buckley	Attley	Foster	Powell	Brolly	Gamble (1) (W)	Hill	Swindlehurst	Dalziel	Emson
Oct 6	**Hartlepool** (MC)	2-0	7,600	—	—	Banovic	Barton	Buckley	Attley	Foster	Powell	Brolly	Gamble	Hill (W)	Swindlehurst (1)	Dalziel	Emson
Oct 9	**Cambridge U**	1-1	9,135	6	21	Banovic	Barton	Buckley	Attley	Foster	Powell	Brolly (1)	Gamble (W)	Hill	Swindlehurst	Dalziel	Emson
Oct 16	**Grimsby T**	1-1	9,572	7	20	Banovic	Barton	Dalziel	Powell	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Mills	Wilson	Swindlehurst (1)	Emson	Hill
Oct 19	**Barnsley**	1-1	10,343	8	19	Banovic	Barton	Buckley	Powell	Foster	McAlle	Brolly (1)	Mills	Wilson	Swindlehurst	Emson	Attley
Oct 23	**Leicester C**	0-4	13,191	8	21	Banovic	Barton	Buckley	Attley	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Mills	Wilson	Swindlehurst	Emson	Dalziel
Oct 25	**Hartlepool** (MC)	4-2 a.e.t.	3,596	—	—	Cherry	Barton	Buckley	Blades	Foster	McAlle	Brolly (1)	Mills (W/I)	Wilson (1)	Swindlehurst	Skivington	Dalziel
Oct 30	**Wolves**	1-2	13,804	8	21	Cherry	Barton	Buckley	Powell	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Skivington	Wilson	Hill	Dalziel	Reid
Nov 6	**Sheffield W**	0-2	17,703	8	22	Cherry	Barton	Buckley	Powell	Foster	Skivington	Brolly	Mills	Wilson	Hill	Dalziel	Blades
Nov 10	**Brum** (MC 3r)	1-3	12,475	—	—	Cherry	Barton	Buckley	Powell	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Mills (W)	Hill	Swindlehurst (1)	Dalziel	Wilson
Nov 13	**Bolton W**	0-0	10,999	9	22	Cherry	Barton	Buckley	Powell (W/I)	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Wilson	Hill	Swindlehurst	Dalziel	Skivington
Nov 20	**Oldham A**	2-2	11,775	10	22	Cherry	Barton	Buckley	Attley	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Gemmill	Richards	Swindlehurst (1)	Dalziel (1)	Wilson
Nov 27	**Burnley**	1-1	7,464	11	22	Cherry	Barton	Buckley	Attley	Foster	Blades	Brolly	Gemmill	Richards (1)	Swindlehurst	Dalziel	Wilson
Dec 4	**Rotherham U**	3-0	13,149	14	21	Cherry	Barton	Buckley	Attley	Foster	Blades	Brolly	Gemmill	Richards (W)	Swindlehurst (2)	Dalziel (1)	Davison
Dec 11	**Fulham**	1-2	7,854	14	21	Cherry	Barton	Buckley (1)	Attle	Foster	Blades	Brolly	Gemmill	Richards (W)	Swindlehurst	Dalziel	Davison
Dec 18	**Palace**	1-1	13,207	15	22	Cherry	Barton	Buckley	Attley (W)	Foster	Blades	Brolly	Gemmill	Richards (1)	Swindlehurst	Dalziel	Davison
Dec 27	**Newcastle U**	0-1	30,559	15	22	Cherry	Barton (W)	Attley	McAlle	Foster	Mills	Davison	Gemmill	Richards	Swindlehurst	Dalziel (S/O)	Brolly
Dec 29	**Shrewsbury**	2-3	13,088	15	22	Cherry	Mills	Attley	Gemmill	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Davison (2)	Richards	Swindlehurst	Dalziel (W)	Barton
Jan 1	Oldham Ath	2-2	7,085	16	22	Cherry	Barton	Attley	Gemmill (1) Pen	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Davison	Richards	Swindlehurst (1)	Mills	Blades
Jan 3	**QPR**	2-0	14,007	19	21	Cherry	Barton	Attley	Gemmill	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Davison	Richards	Swindlehurst (1)	Mills (1)	Dalziel
Jan 8	**Forest** (FA 3)	2-0	28,494	—	—	Cherry	Barton	Attley	Gemmill (1) (W/I)	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Wilson	Hill (1)	Swindlehurst	Mills	Dalziel
Jan 15	Carlisle U	0-3	4,732	19	22	Cherry	Barton	Attley	McAlle	Foster	Blades (W)	Brolly	Davison	Richards	Swindlehurst	Mills	Skivington
Jan 22	**Leeds U**	3-3	17,005	20	22	Cherry	Barton	Buckley	Gemmill (1P W/I)	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Davison (1)	Wilson	Swindlehurst (1)	Mills	Skivington
Jan 29	**Chelsea** (FA4)	2-1	23,383	—	—	Cherry	Barton	Attley	Powell	Foster	McAlle	Brolly	Wilson (2)	Hill	Swindlehurst	Mills	Skivington
Feb 5	Chelsea	3-1	8,661	23	22	Cherry	Barton	Attley	Gemmil (1P)	Powell	Futcho	Brolly	Davison	Wilson	Swindlehurst	Mills (1)	Foster (1 OG)
Feb 19	**Man U** (FA5)	0-1	33,022	—	—	Cherry	Barton	Buckley	Gemmill	Powell	Foster	Brolly	Wilson (W)	Hill	Swindlehurst	Mills	McAlle
Feb 26	**Grimsby T**	2-0	12,775	26	22	Cherry	Barton	Buckley	Gemmill	Powell	Futcher	Brolly	Davison (2)	Wilson	Swindlehurst	Mills	McAlle
Mar 5	Leicester	1-1	15,208	27	22	Cherry	Barton (1)	Buckley	Gemmill	Powell	Futcher	Brolly	Davison	Hill	Swindlehurst	Mills	McAlle
Mar 12	**Wolves**	1-1	17,644	28	22	Cherry	Barton	Buckley	Gemmill	Powell	Futcher	Brolly	Davison	Hill	Swindlehurst (1)	Mills	McAlle
Mar 15	Cambridge U	0-0	4,476	29	22	Cherry	Barton	Buckley	Gemmill	Foster	Futcher	Brolly	Davison	Hill	Swindlehurst	Mills	McAlle
Mar 19	**Sheffield W**																
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April 30	**Burnley**																
May 2	Blackburn R																
May 7	*Palace*																
May 14	**Fulham**																
May 21	**FA Cup Final**																

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Sept 7	Rotherham U	2-1
Sept 21	**Man City**	5-0
Sept 28	Notts County	4-5
Oct 3	Forest	0-1
Oct 12	**Sunderland**	2-0
Oct 19	Man City	0-2
Nov 2	**Bolton**	2-3
Nov 7	**FOREST**	1-2
Nov 9	Wigan	1-2
Nov 16	**Port Vale**	P
Nov 30	**Middlesbro**	0-2
Dec 14	**Preston**	8-1
Jan 12	Bolton W	0-2
Jan 18	Oldham Ath	2-3
Jan 25	**Bradford C**	2-3
Feb 3	Chesterfield	3-2
Feb 22	**Notts County**	2-1
Mar 2	Sunderland	2-2
Mar 8	**Oldham Ath**	4-0
Mar 15	Bradford C	1-1
Mar 22	**Chesterfield**	
Mar 29	**Barnsley**	
Mar 31	**Port Vale**	
April 12	**Burnley**	
April 19	Middlesbro	
April 26	**Roth'ham U**	
April 28	Burnley	
May 4	Preston	
May 12	Barnsley	

Season ticket holders admitted free

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

All Saturday matches at Raynesway kick off at 10.45 a.m. Supporters are invited to go along to support the "A" team youngsters. Admission is free.

Aug 28	Notts C .....(A)	1-0	
Sep 4	A VILLA .....(H)	2-1	
Sep 11	Shrewsby .....(A)	1-1	
Sep 18	LEIC .....(H)	2-6	
Oct 9	Coventry .....(A)	3-2	
Oct 16	Nottm. F. .....(A)	1-3	
Oct 23	WOLVES .....(H)	3-0	
Oct 25	P VALE .....(H)	5-0	
Nov 1	B'HAM .....(H)	3-2	
Nov 13	COVTRY. (H)	4-1	
Nov 20	West Brom (A)	1-1	
Nov 27	NOTTS C .....(H)	3-3	
Dec 4	A. Villa .....(A)	0-3	
Dec 11	FOREST .....(H)	4-3	
Dec 18	Port Vale .....(A)	7-2	
Jan 1	MNSFLD .....(H)	5-3	
Jan 8	STOKE .....(H)	1-2	
Jan 10	MAN U .....(H) (FA Youth Cup replay)	0-1	
Jan 15	SH'BRY .....(H)	4-1	
Jan 29	W'LS'LL .....(H)	2-1	
Feb 5	B'ham .....(A)		
Feb 19	Stoke .....(A)	2-1	
Feb 26	MNSFLD ...(H)	10-1	
Mar 5	W BROM .....(H)		
Mar 12	Mansfield.....(A)	3-2	
Mar 19	Leics .....(A)		
Mar 26	Villa (Cup) (A)		

Reserves draw

New boy Andy Thomas was outstanding and also scored the equaliser in Tuesday's 1-1 Rams Reserve draw at Bradford City. Steve Devine also made an impression. Now the Reserves are unbeaten in their last six matches.

Rams Res: Banovic, Emery, Harbey, Thomas, Ride, Blades, Lovatt, Devine, Emson, Wilson, Garner.

WOULD THEY CHANT AT THEIR MOTHERS?

NOW THAT OUR GATES are getting much bigger we are also attracting some of the trash who stayed away when we did the big slide.

Last Saturday we heard some very obscene chanting from the Popside who, not so long ago, were so very good. It's obviously mainly newcomers doing it.

I have a very simple question to ask them: "Would you go into your homes and chant this stuff at your mum and grandma, or your small sisters and brothers, if you have them? Would they want you to make them hear that?"

So why let my children who I have with me hear it? And other people's Mums, grans and small brothers and sisters?

What upset me just as much was that it all came from Derby fans. Wolves supporters didn't indulge in it, at least we couldn't hear it from 'A' Stand.

Season ticket holder and shareholder (name and address witheld on request).

● *The club also had complaints about language in Normanton Stand, apparently from some who used to call themselves C Standers until behaviour and language problems caused the club to close on them. As more than one supporter has threatened not to come again if this language continues, may we warn the culprits that a repeat today can mean permanent ejection from the Baseball Ground.*

PAY UP, PLEASE ...

WHEN THEY SIGNED Paul Futcher for £120,000 by whatever means they arranged to pay, Derby's board proved they want to improve the club.

Now, please, let's have the bad publicity behind, get Mr Martin of Bradford City out of the papers, and pay that fine. That would take us yet another step forward.

Let's just read of Derby's exploits on the field. They're worth reading about these days.

Michael J. O'Sullivan, (Life-long Popsider), 28 Almond St, Derby.

Don't do it

I'M FED UP reading that Swindles is going to Villa. I know they're short of cash, but if the Board and Peter Taylor really want to get the club back to the top they should concentrate on trying to get Dave to sign a new contract, and build a new team round him.

We also hear transfer talk about Steve Buckley. Bucko is another who must stay. Keep them, and the fans will really start rolling back, not that you can complain. Witness the large numbers who travelled to Leicester and the crowd for the Wolves match last Saturday.

C.R.B., Popsider from Ilkeston (name / address witheld on request).

● *See Peter Taylor's comments on this subject on page 3.*

Fan Mail

From a Leeds United fan

NOW THE FURORE has quietened may I, on behalf of all true Leeds United supporters, express my horror and disgust at the havoc caused by the brainless minority of us when Leeds were at the Baseball Ground. Far from supporting Leeds these people are a millstone round the neck of a once-great club, and seem hell bent on its destruction.

As I watched their violence I felt ashamed for soccer as a whole, never mind Leeds United. I only hope that every Derby fan who was injured that day is now recovered. The majority of Leeds United fans really do care, I assure you.

T. Whelan (President of the Leeds University 'Whites'), Charles Morris Hall, Mount Preston St., Leeds LS 52 9JP.

DISTURBING

ONE OF the disturbing factors in what was otherwise a most convincing and exciting display by the Rams against Wolves last Saturday was the number of times keeper Cherry and his defenders didn't seem to know who was going to go after the ball.

Have they lost their voices or something? I hope to see this aspect of the game sharpened up.

Raymond Quinn, Chaddesden address withheld on request).

DAVENPORTS' GUEST MEETS PETER TAYLOR

JULIE PEAKMAN, a handicapped girl who was runner-up for Derby County's Supporter of the Year Award in 1982, is known to Davenports Marketing Manager Roger Broomhall. So she was a special director's box guest of the match sponsors at the Wolves game, and afterwards, thrilled by it all, she was introduced to Rams' manager Peter Taylor in his office. Below we publish a letter from Mr. Broomhall. (Seen in the picture above).

To Derby County commercial director Stuart Webb from Roger Broomhall, Marketing Manager, Davenports Brewery, Birmingham.

I WOULD LIKE to thank you for our match sponsorship at the Baseball Ground last Saturday. As you are aware we are major sponsors to Aston Villa and have also been linked up, in sponsorship terms with West Bromwich Albion and Birmingham City, as well as numerous other clubs.

Saturday's event was among the very best we have experienced and I congratulate you and your co-directors, Peter Taylor, Roy McFarland and your players, the promotions and administrative staff, and especially do I congratulate the Derby County supporters.

I am sure they will not mind me saying that within the last year or so Derby County FC have not enjoyed the best of fortunes, but all credit must be given to them for the wonderful support they gave to the team last Saturday.

Certainly, Derby County deserve success and my company take pride in being associated with Derby County Football Club.

Please extend our thanks to all concerned. Good luck.

● *A wonderful tribute from a very fine company. We're proud to be associated with the Beer-at-home brewery.*

Bouquet, rebuke for Ram

AS A LONG-TIME Rams fan may I compliment the club on its so very fine Ram programme, which achieves the almost impossible by making an exiled supporter like myself still feel a part of that special football family which is Derby County FC.

I wish, though, you could give more in-depth reports on matches. When one has to depend on Ram to keep in touch with the club, a few scant lines and a picture on some matches can be a little frustrating.

And, as a Christian who cares about the Rams, may I implore you not to get involved in spiritualism as you did recently. It can only have a negative effect on the club.

Football is n game and with the talents of Peter Taylor, Roy Mac, Mick Jones and our revitalised players it should prove to be an increasingly enjoyable game for Rams fans.

All the best from the rocky shores of Newfoundland.

Mick Robinson, PO Box 7, Hillview, Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, Canada ADE 2AO.

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RAM

Well done, Sheffield

OUR WARM congratulations to Sheffield Wednesday for their feat of reaching the F.A. Cup semi-finals, where they meet Brighton as the Second Division's sole representatives in the last four. Their Hillsborough replay gate on Tuesday for the match against Burnley which they won by a comprehensive 5-nil, was 41,000-plus. That's some going!

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The Rams (from)

STEVE CHERRY
JOHN BARTON
STEVE BUCKLEY
ARCHIE GEMMILL
STEVE POWELL
PAUL FUTCHER
MIKE BROLLY
BOBBY DAVISON
ANDY HILL
DAVE SWINDLEHURST
PAUL EMSON
GEORGE FOSTER
JOHN McALLE

Sheff. Weds.

1 **BOB BOLDER** Former Dover F.C. 'keeper, near his 200th League game.
2 **MEL STERLAND** Former Sheffield Boys'. In his third season.
3 **IAN BAILEY** Followed manager Jack Charlton from Middlesbrough last August.
4 **MARK SMITH** Home-grown central defender, with an eye for goal.
5 **PETER SHIRTCLIFF** Former apprentice.
6 **GARY SHELTON** Busy little midfielder, formerly with Walsall and Aston Villa.
7 **GARY MEGSON** Son of former Wednesday stalwart Don Megson. Ex-Everton and Plymouth.
8 **DAVID MILLS** Formerly with Jack Charlton at Middlesbrough. Recently signed from West Brom.
9 **KEVIN TAYLOR** Another former apprentice.
10 **ANDY McCULLOCH** Much travelled striker, recently back in the side. Near 150 goal mark.
11 **PAT HEARD** Another ex-Villa man, who began his career with Everton signed last January.
12 .....

REFEREE: B. H. Daniels (Essex).
LINESMEN: G. Banwell (Stafford), red flag; E. J. Garen (Wednesfield, West Mids.), yellow flag.

HALFTIME CHECK

A.	Barnsley v Middlesbro'	
B.	Burnley v Newcastle	
C.	Carlisle Blackburn	
D.	Charlton v Leeds	
E.	Palace v Chelsea	
F.	Leicester v Cambridge	
G.	QPR v Rotherham	
H.	Shrewsbury v Bolton	
J.	Ipswich v Forest	
K.	Notts C. v Norwich	
L.	Lincoln v Chesterfield	

mitre MATCH BALL

Today's Match Ball donor is former Football League referee, Rams supporter and shareholder, Mr E. Radford of Avon Close, Brimington, near Chesterfield.

He's in charge

BRIAN DANIELS passed the referee's examination in 1951 and reached the Football League in 1967 via local football and the Isthmian League. Has lined the later stages of the European Cup. Married, with three children, he works in Industrial Security and is a former military policeman. Hobbies: coarse fishing and ballroom dancing.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Gary Mills, absent today to take his bride down the aisle. He announced the date long ago when he thought he would be returning to Seattle Sounders early next week. But it was recently agreed he could play for Rams until East Monday. Explained Peter Taylor: "Even I couldn't get the date switched to tomorrow. You try to change wedding plans at your peril. Good luck to them both. The lad has done us proud."

STOP PRESS

ANDY THOMAS, signed this week from Oxford in a two-way exchange deal with Brian Attley scored and impressed in the reserves 1-1 draw at Bradford City on Tuesday.

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RAMS also signed 18 years old former Northern Ireland youth international Steve Devine this week after his release by Wolves. No fee was involved.

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THE COLLINS twins, Jimmy and David, were released by the club last week-end. Our good wishes go with them.

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STEVE POWELL missed Tuesday's match at Cambridge because of a stomach virus, and not because of a groin strain as was widely reported.

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LOUGHBRO' branch meet at the Greyhound Hotel next Tuesday (8.30).

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DERBY Boys will play Meschenie of West Germany at the Baseball Ground on Wednesday April 6 (6.30).

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1976 (R) Hillman Super Imp. Bronze.
1976 (R) Mini 1000 Saloon. Ruby.
1979 (T) Allegro 1300 SDL. Gold.
1974 (N) Viva 4-dr SL. Burnt Orange.
1975 (N) Princess 1800HL 4-dr. Lilac.

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1979 (T) Peugeot 504 Estate. Cream.
1978 (S) Capri 1600GL. White.
1979 (T) Escort 1300 Estate. Blue.
1981 (C) Spartan 2.0 Sports. Red.
1978 (S) Escort 1300 Popular Plus. Beige.
1980 (V) Princess 2.0HL 4-dr. Bronze.
1977 (R) Granada 3.0GL Est. Midnight.
1978 (S) Capri 1600L 3-dr. Strato silver.
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1980 (V) Cortina 1600L 4-dr. Solar gold.
1978 (S) Fiesta 1100L 3-dr. Strato silver.

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1980 (W) Avenger 1600LS Est. Blue.
1979 (T) Cortina 1600GL Est. Red.
1978 (T) Peugeot 305SR. Emerald.
1978 (T) Granada 2000L. White.
1981 (W) Cortina 1300L 4-dr. Venetian.
1979 (V) Granada 2.0L. Strato.
1980 (V) Mazda 2.0GLS 5-sp. Silver.
1979 (V) Cortina 2.0GL. Venetian red.
1979 (V) Datsun Cherry GL 3-dr. Black.

LESS THAN £27.50 PER WEEK
1979 (V) Capri 2000GL. Miami blue.
1981 (W) Escort 1.3L 3-dr. Nordic.
1981 (W) Cortina 1600GL. Cobalt blue.
1981 (W) Escort 1300L Est. Strato.
1981 (W) Cortina 1600L 4-dr. Venetian.
1979 (T) Granada 2300GL. Strato/blue.
1980 (W) Metro L 3-dr. Damask.
1980 (V) Fiesta 1100 Ghia. Solar.
1980 (V) Cortina 1600GL. Solar.
1980 (W) Cortina 2.0GL. Strato.

LESS THAN £30.00 PER WEEK
1980 (W) Carlton 2.0 Auto. Bronze.
1980 (W) Cortina 2.3 Ghia. Strato.
1980 (V) Audi GLS 4-dr. Bronze.
1980 (W) Cortina 1600GL. Chestnut.
1982 (Y) Escort 1100 3-dr. Dove grey.
1981 (W) Escort 1300L 5-dr. Nordic.
1979 (V) Cortina 2.0 Ghia Auto. Strato.
1980 (W) Escort 1300L 3-dr. Terracota.
1980 (W) Allegro 1500L 5SP. Met. blue.
1982 (X) Cortina 2.0GL. Cordoba.

LESS THAN £37.50 PER WEEK
1982 (Y) Escort 1300GL 5-dr. Celtic.
1982 (X) Cortina 2000GL. Graphite.
1982 (X) Fiesta 1100L 3-dr. Champagne.
1982 (Y) Escort 1100L 3-dr. Crystal green.
1981 (W) Cortina 2.3 Ghia. Sirius red.
1980 (W) Centaur Convertible. Yellow/red.
1982 (X) Cortina 1600GL. Graphite.
1982 (X) Cortina 1600L 4-dr. Champagne.
1982 (X) Colt Sapporo. Silver.
1982 (Y) Capri Calypso. Red.

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